

Appl. No. 10/774,259  
Docket No. 8637C  
Amdt. dated November 3, 2006  
Reply to Office Action mailed on May 4, 2006  
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### REMARKS

#### Claim Status

Claims 22 – 37 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 1 – 21 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file claims directed to the recitals of the canceled claims in a different application or in the course of further prosecution of the present application.

New Claims 23 – 37 have been added.

#### Objection to the Claims

Claim 5 has been objected to for reasons of record at paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated 5/4/2006.

Applicants submit that Claim 5 has been canceled, rendering the objection moot.

#### Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a) over '243

Claims 5 – 6 and 11 – 13 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over EP0786243. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 5 – 6 and 11 – 13 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

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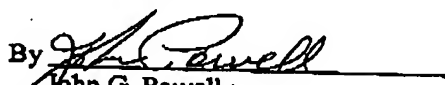
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Conclusion

In view of the previous amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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